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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider et al (USP 6,194,682) in view of Schulz (USP 5,912,471).

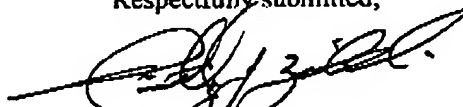
Claims 7, 8, 12, 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7, and therefore claim 7 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 12, and therefore claim 12 has been cancelled. Claim 15 has been similarly amended to incorporate subject matter consistent with the other allowable claims. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 21, and therefore claim 21 has been cancelled. According, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20, and 22.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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